

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)*, of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Homeland Security

Subcommittee: Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations

Hearing Date: November 19, 2019

Hearing Title :

Examining the Human Rights and Legal Implications of the DHS "Remain in Mexico Policy."

Witness Name: Michael A. Knowles

Position/Title: Special Representative, AFGE National CIS Council 119

Witness Type: ☐ Governmental ☒ Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? ☐ Self ☒ Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

National Citizenship and Immigration Services Council 119, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO

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Michael Allen Knowles - Labor Leader and Refugee Worker

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Publications:

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